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Tea 1<sup>st</sup> appeared in the West C1610,  
brought from Japan to Portugal & Holland;  
the first public tea sale in England was  
in 1657. Merchants claimed it could cure  
migraine, paralysis, colic, epilepsy and others.  
After the English, the most avid consumers  
of tea were the Russians; The Russian  
samovar, a charcoal burning  
metal urn with a teapot on top,  
was the counterpart to the English Kettle.

the most important household item